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SUBJECT: FUTURE OF AID REGIONAL ATTACHE POSITION

REF: (A) STATE .3858 (NOTAL) (B) STATE 93857 (NOTAL)
(C) MANAMA 859 (D) MANAMA 678

1. I WISH TO DRAW DEPT'S ATTENTION TO TWO STATE REFTELS,
SENT AIDAC, WHICH ANNOUNCE ASSIGNMENT OF LOUIS SLEEPER AS
REGIONAL AID ATTACHE AND WHICH SEEK MY CONCURRENCE.

2. MANAMA REFTELS, AND PREVIOUS EXCHANGES ON THIS SUBJECT,
SET OUT IN DETAIL REASONS WHY ATTACHE POSITION, AND SUPPORTING
SECRETARIAL POSITION, SHOULD BE ABOLISHED. MANAMA 678 ASKED
THAT DEPT PREVENT ASSIGNMENT OF NEW ATTACHE PENDING FURTHER
REVIEW BY AREA POSTS OF NECESSITY FOR POSITIOX. MANAMA 859
SUMMED UP RESULTS OF THAT REVIEW BY GULF POSTS AND SUGGESTED
COST- EFFECTIVE ANALYSIS TO DETERMINE HOW BEST TO MEET NEEDS
OF TWO OF FIVE AREA POSTS WHICH FELT POSITION WORTH HAVING.

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3. I CANNOT IN GOOD CONSCIENCE CONCUR IN CONTINUATION OF THIS
POSITION AS A FIELD POSITION. IT COULD BE DONE JUST ABOUT
AS WELL AND FAR, FAR CHEAPER FROM WASHINGTON. MOREOVER, IF
ZBB AND PRESIDENT'S DESIRE TO REDUCE USG EMPLOYMENT OVERSEAS
ARE SERIOUS EFFORTS -- AND I BELIEVE THEY ARE -- THEN JUDGMENTS
OF CHIEFS OF MISSION MUST BE GIVEN FAR MORE WEIGHT THAN HAS
BEEN APPARENT IN THIS CASE AS FAR AS AID IS CONCERNED.

4. MY INTENTION IS TO REPLY TO AID, NO LATER THAN APRIL 22,
THAT I CANNOT CONCUR IN ASSIGNMENT OF MR. SLEEPER OR OF ANY
PERSON TO THIS POSITION IN VIEW OF OUTCOME OF REVIEW OF NEED
FOR IT UNDERTAKEN RECENTLY AMONG GULF POSTS AND IN VIEW OF
PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVES TO CUT USG EMPLOYMENT ABROAD.
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